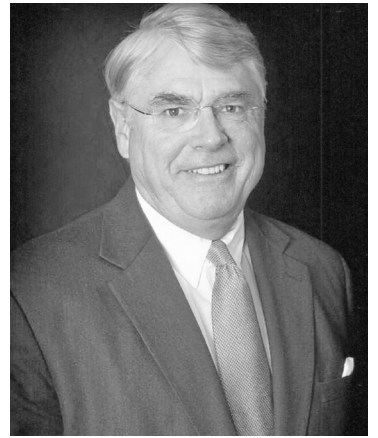




# Borough of Rumson Update

Monmouth County, NJ

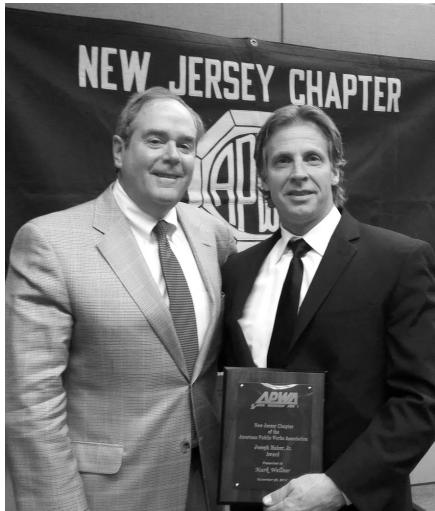


## Mayor's Message May 2015

At last, Spring has arrived in Rumson! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our residents who contacted the Borough expressing their appreciation of our Department of Public Works and the excellent job they did on almost a weekly basis January through mid-March brining, salting and plowing the borough streets.

The Department of Public Works is led by Superintendent, Mark Wellner. Mark and his team consistently provide outstanding services to our residents and they always appreciate hearing from our residents.

Mark was recently recognized by the New Jersey chapter of the American Public Works Association (NJ APWA) with a 2014 Superintendent/Director Award for his unwavering 29 year commitment to the Borough and its residents. The annual award recognizes an APWA member or non-member for making a special contribution to the field of Public Works in New Jersey.



Former Councilman Frank Shanley  
with Mark Wellner

"It's an honor to be recognized for doing a job that I feel so passionate about and look forward to coming to every day," said Wellner. He was quick to add that the Rumson DPW could not accomplish its job so efficiently here without the strong connection and support between all departments within the Borough, as well as the continued

unwavering support from the mayor and council.

During his 11-year tenure as superintendent, Wellner has guided his department through snow storms, hurricanes and everyday challenges. "His attention to detail and concern for our residents is second to none. He takes great pride in his work, and his commitment is contagious with not just the people in his department, but also the other managers and staff around him," stated the award nomination.

Wellner's solution-driven style and out-of-the-box thinking has resulted in the design of Rumson's Recycling Program and recycling drop off area and the expansion of the Rumson Green Day Program, which bi-annually offers residents book and TV/electronic recycling and onsite document shredding.

In the Fall of 2014, Mark and his Department Foremen approached the Mayor and Council in support of outsourcing our garbage collection. At the January 1, 2015 Council Meeting, a motion was presented to authorize the Borough Administrator, Tom Rogers, to solicit bids for private garbage collection. The

Borough anticipates long term cost savings based on avoiding the capital purchase of garbage vehicles. No full-time Borough DPW employees will be laid off, but instead will be redeployed. Reduction of current staffing levels will be the result of retirement.

A Request for Proposal was put out for bid in February and advertised for a period of sixty (60) days. Four (4) companies submitted bids. On April 21, 2015 the bids were opened and Suburban Disposal, Inc. was the low bidder at a cost of \$314,000/year for three (3) years and an option for two additional years at a cost of \$321,000/year. Suburban Disposal was approximately \$50,000 less than the second place bidder.

The new garbage collection service will commence May 18, 2015, and will remain basically the same as when our DPW was collecting. Some facts:

- There are no changes to your current trash collection days – your current days remain the same
- Residents will continue to use their own trash cans – no new limit
- Recycling pick up will remain on Wednesdays
- Requests for bulk pickups (two pickups/house/year and move in/move out pickups) will still be done by our Rumson DPW staff. Call Borough Hall to schedule.
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  - Trash, other than drive-ins, should be placed at the road by 7:00 AM
  - Pickup times may vary – you may experience a different collection time than previously, but no later than 4:00 PM

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Left to right: Gabe Roselle, foreman; Mark Wellner, superintendent, Richie LeCompte Jr., driver

UPDATE ON PAVING

Monmouth County is paving Rumson and Ridge roads. The County paving consists of the removal of 2.5 inches of asphalt and then repaving.

- Rumson Road from Bingham Avenue to Branch Avenue in Little Silver has been completed.
- Ridge Road from Bingham Avenue to Oaklawn in Red Bank is to begin in the coming months.

Rumson Borough has four paving projects that will consist of full reconstruction and paving on the following Borough streets:

- Washington Street – River Road to Narumsunk
- Center Street – Ridge Road to Ward Lane
- Ward Lane – River Road to Blackpoint Road
- Avenue of Two Rivers – Ridge Road to Blackpoint Road

Schedules for these projects will be posted in advance along Borough streets and on [www.RumsonNJ.gov](http://www.RumsonNJ.gov).



In addition, to the County and Borough paving schedules, our hotpatch equipment (part of the Shared Equipment Program between Rumson and Little Silver) is out in town daily filling potholes on Borough streets.

At this time I would like to welcome John Conklin to the Borough Council replacing Frank Shanley who resigned January 1, 2015. John, a life-long resident of Rumson, was previously Chairman of the Zoning Board of Adjustments on which he had served 14 years. I know John will be a tremendous addition to the Council and I look forward to serving with him.



Lastly, I would like to wish all residents a happy and safe Summer and hope that you will join us for the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 25th at 10:00 AM – Ceremony to follow in Victory Park at 10:30 AM.

Sincerely,  
John Ekdahl  
Mayor

Did you know?...

- Police Chief Scott Paterson participated in the February Polar Bear Plunge to support the Special Olympics. Scott was the 7th highest fundraiser in the State. He would like to thank those residents who made donations to support his efforts.
- Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 25th at 10:00 AM – Ceremony to follow in Victory Park at 10:30 AM.
- Our Recreation Program serves more than 4,500 participants in over 20 programs thanks to the large group of dedicated volunteers who support these programs and our community year after year.
- RFH RHS (No. 11 seed) defeated CBA (No. 1 seed) in the greatest upset in Shore Conference Basketball Tournament finals history. Congratulations Dawgs! Great job!
- Visit our website at [www.rumsonnj.gov](http://www.rumsonnj.gov) for more Rumson Borough information.

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